

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Amended) A device for carrying a large an object, comprising:
a continuous cradle operable to support ~~for supporting~~ the carried object;
at least one carrying strap attached to opposing ends of the cradle, the at least one carrying strap forming a single lifting point; and
at least one restraining strap attached to the at least one carrying strap, the at least one restraining strap restraining the sides of the object not restrained by the carrying strap when the carrying strap is used to carry the object.
2. (Amended) The device in claim 1, wherein a plurality of ~~the at least one~~ carrying straps ~~are strap~~ is detachably gathered by a handle operable joined to form a single lifting point.
3. (Amended) The device in claim 2, wherein the continuous cradle comprises a pliable material operable to substantially distribute support of the object along a bottom surface of the object ~~1, further comprising a handle at the lifting point, for protecting the person carrying the device.~~
4. (Amended) The device in claim 2 ~~1~~, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one carrying strap.
5. (Amended) The device in claim 2 ~~1~~, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one restraining strap.
6. (Amended) The device in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the restraining straps number two or more, one of the straps located near the continuous cradle.
7. (Amended) The device in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the device, when empty, folds into a compact configuration for portability.

8. (Amended) A method for carrying an object, comprising the steps of:
substantially cradling a bottom surface of the object within a continuous ~~supporting the object in a~~ cradle;
attaching at least one carrying strap to opposing ends of the continuous cradle;
extending the at least one carrying strap up opposing sides of the object to form a single lifting point; and
attaching at least one restraining strap to the at least one carrying strap to restrain the sides of the object not restrained by the carrying strap.

9. (Amended) The method in claim 8, wherein a plurality of the at least one ~~carrying straps are strap-is joined~~ detachably joined with a handle operable to form the single lifting point.

10. (Original) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of adjusting the length of the carrying strap.

11. (Original) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of adjusting the length of the restraining strap.

12. (Amended) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of attaching a restraining strap to the continuous cradle.

13. (Amended) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of folding the continuous cradle, the carrying strap and the restraining strap into a compact configuration for portability.

14. (Amended) A system for carrying an object, the system comprising:
a continuous cradle;
at least one carrying strap attached to opposing ends of the continuous cradle and joined to form a single lifting point; and
a plurality of restraining straps attached to the at least one carrying strap and acting to restrain the objects within the continuous cradle.
15. (Amended) The system in claim 14, wherein a plurality of ~~the at least one~~ carrying straps are ~~strap is~~ detachably joined with a handle operable to form a single lifting point.
16. (Amended) The system in claim 14, wherein the continuous cradle comprises a pliable material operable to substantially distribute support of the object along a bottom surface of the object further comprising a handle at the lifting point, for protecting the person carrying the device.
17. (Original) The system in claim 14, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one carrying strap.
18. (Original) The system in claim 14, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one restraining strap.
19. (Amended) The system in claim 14, wherein one of the restraining straps is located near the continuous cradle.
20. (Original) The system in claim 14, wherein the device, when empty, folds into a compact configuration for portability.